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May every Day
of the New Year be a
prosperous
and happy one for you and
yours is the sincere
wish of

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EPH C. ROOT DIES WHILE IN THIS CITY.

Founder of the Woodmen of the
World and Had Been Traveling
Through the South.

Joseph Cullen Root, founder of the
Woodmen of the World, and sovereign
commander of that organization, died
at the St. John hotel Wednesday night,
owing an illness of a few days.
Racial trouble was given as the
cause of his death. Harry Root, a son
of the deceased, was at the latter's bed-
side at the time of his passing. The
body has been removed to Omaha,
the home of the deceased, for in-
terment.
Mr. Root had been traveling in the
South in the interest of the organiza-
tion, which he founded and he came
a short time ago to attend the
annual North Carolina district as-
sembly. He had been in poor health
several weeks, but his condition
was not regarded as being serious
until the latter part of last week, when
he was wired to come here. The
disease sank rapidly and for the past
days his friends realized that he
could not recover.

Root was widely known in fra-
ternal circles. His duties as sov-
ereign commander of the Woodmen took
him to cities of various states to con-
fer with members of the order, and he
was regarded as one of the leading
fraternal organizations in
the United States. He has performed
duties of his office in a most credit-
able manner and the news of his
passing will be received with keen re-
gret throughout the country.
In addition to his connection with
the Woodmen of the World, Mr. Root
was prominent in Masonic circles, be-
ing a thirty-third degree Mason.

GOING TO BE POSTMASTER?

Renewed Interest Shown After Xmas
in the Coming Appointment of a
New Postmaster.

Renewed interest is being shown
Christmas in the postoffice situa-
tion in this city which it is understood
will be settled within a few weeks.
No definite information can be learn-
ed, although it is current rumor that
there will be "something doing" very
shortly. The various candidates are
very busy these days getting their en-
gagements in line and other prelimi-
naries for the final hearing before
Congressman Gudger.
It is generally understood that Con-
gressman Gudger has stated that at
the proper time he would consider
the candidates claims and give them
a fair showing.
A gentleman who is thought to be in
close touch with Congressman Gudger
has made the statement that the pos-
sible situation in Hendersonville has
been settled and will be made public
at the right time.
This statement is only one man's
opinion and just now a great many
speculations are afloat upon the streets.
The naming of a new postmaster for
Hendersonville will be awaited with
keen interest by the many patrons
of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Patterson of
Hapel Hill, have been visiting their
parents during the holidays. Mr. and
Mrs. W. P. Edwards, Mr. Patterson
left Thursday for his home. Mrs. Pat-
erson and daughter left Tuesday for
Hapel Hill.

NORTH CAROLINIAN KILLS W.O. MAN CLAIMED TO BE HIS WIFE.

Robert Willard, Said to be of Golds-
boro Arrested in Cincinnati for
Brutal Deed.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 30.—Robert
M. Willard, who says he is a magician,
yesterday morning shot and killed a
woman registered as his wife, and a
year-old girl. He then ran shrieking
through the streets flourishing a re-
volver. Later he was captured on the
suspension bridge trying to reach Cov-
ington, Ky.
When Willard registered at the hotel
he engaged in argument with the
woman. After his capture Willard
claimed he was from Goldsboro, N. C.,
and married in Oklahoma. He refused
to divulge his wife's name, and then
claimed he had never married her.
It is thought he was a member of
a theatrical company which left here
last week.
Willard was in his underclothes
when he fled through the streets. He
knocked down the bridge tender who
tried to stop him. He was finally
caught by policemen.

SNAPS PISTOL IN FACE.

Negro is Said to Have Aimed Pistol at
Young Seals With Intent to Kill.

Jack McMinn, a negro, charged with
snapping a loaded pistol in the face
of young Gordon Seals, son of Mr. and
Mrs. M. E. Seals of Fletcher, was bound
over to Superior court before Squire
Frank Smith, who held court in the
court house here Tuesday.
It is said that the negro came to the
store of Mrs. M. E. Seals and asked to
see a pistol belonging to Mr. Seals,
which he wanted to buy. Young Seals
unloaded the gun and handed it to the
negro. In some way a bullet was
placed in the gun and the negro is al-
leged to have remarked, "Look how
easy I have got you," and he then pulled
the trigger. The gun failed to go
off, possibly saving the young man's
life. There was no misunderstanding
among the parties, except that the
Seals had refused credit to the negro
on several occasions, previously.

CITIZENS BANK DECLARE SEMI- ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF 4 PER CENT.

Condition Said to be Best in History of
Institution—Will Carry a Good Un-
divided Profit Account.

The Citizens bank will issue checks
January 1st, 1914, to its stockholders
in payment of a 4 per cent semi-an-
nual dividend.
The condition of the bank is said to
be in better shape than any previous
time and a good portion of the earn-
ings will be carried as undivided profit
by this institution.

ENTHUSIASM AMONGST ODD FEL- LOWS.

The members of Ochlawaha Lodge
I. O. O. F., report a very largely at-
tended and exceedingly interesting
meeting in their hall on Tuesday
evening. More than 100 were in at-
tendance at this fraternal spirit was
greatly in evidence. Enthusiastic
talks were made by J. C. Sales, Rev.
J. L. Brookshire, B. F. Hood, J. M.
Hood, J. M. Stopp, J. F. Brook-
shire, M. E. Holtzclaw and others.
Grand Master M. L. Shipman, of Ral-
ph, who retains his membership in
the Hendersonville lodge, was pres-
ent and spoke at length of the pros-
perous order is making in North
Carolina at this time and the
amount of good the State is deriving
from the laudable efforts it is mak-
ing for the uplift of humanity.

Fiendish Negro Alleged To Have Committed Assault on White Woman

Posse of Fletcher Citizens Finally Catch Erb Lance who is
in County Jail for Safe Keeping.—Talk of Lynching.

Rockwood, a small settlement, two
miles from Fletcher, was the scene of
one of the most horrible deeds ever
perpetrated in Henderson county,
when Erb Lance, a young negro about
23 years of age, is alleged to have com-
mitted an outrage upon the person of
Mrs. Caroline Cook, a respectable young
white woman, who is a widow with
two small children. Mrs. Cook's con-
dition is said to be extremely critical
today.
The dastardly deed occurred last
Wednesday afternoon, about 3:30
o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Cook, who
lives about two and one half miles
from Fletcher. The negro came to
the front door of the house in which
she was sitting near the fire sewing,
and asked her for a drink of water.
Mrs. Cook told him that there was no
water in the house. Before she could
move, the negro had pointed a loaded
shot gun toward her and demanded
her submission to the awful outrage.
The young child of Mrs. Cook, real-
ized that help must be found at once,
ran out of the house, when the negro
began beating her mother in the head
until she was unconscious, and came to
the home of Mrs. Mary Gildon, who
lives about 200 yards away.
Mrs. Gildon came hurrying to the
home of the Cooks and found the negro
still in the house. Knowing that she
was powerless to interfere with the
negro she returned for her brother,
John Gildon.
Mr. Gildon had heard the cries of his
sister for help and was soon near the
negro, who by this time had made for
his escape, from the scene of his brut-
al act. Before getting out of sight
the negro lanced shot three times at
young Gildon, hitting him in the head
with the last shot from his gun.
A posse of citizens living near the
scene quickly gathered and had the
negro been caught that day, there
would have been a lynching.
After a thorough search in all the
woods near by the posse divided. The
next day the negro was caught by
deputies C. P. McMinn and J. R. Gos-
nell, a few miles from Fletcher, on the
Southern Railway track.
The negro was kept under heavy
guard all through the hearing held be-
fore Magistrate Frank Smith of Fletch-
er, who bound the negro over to court
and had him placed in the Henderson
county jail for safe keeping.
Excitement has been running at
fever heat in Fletcher section ever
since the deed was committed and
there is still talk of lynching the negro.
Sheriff Drake is taking special precau-
tion at the county jail against possible
attacks upon the jail.

WESTERN CAROLINA ARCHITECTS WILL MEET IN HENDERSONVILLE.

Upon Invitation of Board of Trade
State Association Will Convene
Here June 3rd and 4th.

The following telegram has been re-
ceived in this city from the official se-
cretary of the North Carolina Archi-
tectural association and will be read
with much interest:
Durham, N. C.
Messrs. Myer & Stillwell,
Architects, Hendersonville, N. C.
Kind invitation of Board of Trade
and yourselves to hold North Carolina
Agricultural association meeting at
Hendersonville has been accepted, date
July 3rd, 4th, 1914.
W. C. NORTHRUP,
Secretary.

NEW PARCEL POST RULES.

Public Service Will be Promoted by
Material Changes.

Important changes in parcel post
regulations including reduction in
rates and increase in maximum
weights, were approved by the Inter-
state Commerce Commission. The re-
visions were made upon recommenda-
tion of Postmaster General Burleson,
and in a majority of cases are effec-
tive January 1, 1914. Books are ad-
mitted to the parcel post; weight lim-
its are increased in the first and sec-
ond zones from 20 to 50 pounds, and in
all zones beyond the second from 11
to 20 pounds and rates are reduced in
the third, fourth and sixth zones.

Reductions in Rates.

The changes in rates to be in effect
January 1, 1914 follow:
To reduce the rates for the third
zone from seven cents for the first
pound and five cents for each addi-
tional pound to six cents for the first
pound and two cents for each addi-
tional pound.

To reduce the rates for the fifth
zone from eight cents for the first
pound and six cents for each addi-
tional pound to seven cents for the
first pound and four cents for each
additional pound.

To reduce the rates for the sixth
zone from nine cents for the first
pound and seven cents for each addi-
tional pound to eight cents for the
first pound and six cents for each ad-
ditional pound.

TO REDUCE THE RATES FOR THE SIXTH

zone from 10 cents for the first pound
and nine cents for each additional
pound to nine cents for the first pound
and eight cents for each additional
pound.

BIBLE CLASS TO ENTERTAIN.

The Men's Wesley Adult Bible class
of the First Methodist church will give
a social entertainment in the Methodist
church Wednesday, New Year's evening.
During the evening delicious refresh-
ments will be served. All men inter-
ested in this work will receive a cord-
ial welcome.

WISHES US SUCCESS.

December 26th, 1913.
Western Carolina Democrat,
Hendersonville, N. C.
Gentlemen:

I have your favor of the 20th inst.
and am herewith enclosing my cheque
for \$1.00 for my subscription to Jan-
uary 1st, 1914. I have pleasure in do-
ing this.

In this connection allow me to con-
gratulate you, and to thank you, for
the splendid paper you are giving the
people of our city, county and state.
I trust that during the New Year you
may have the support and backing that
your paper merits. This being so
your success, and the public's good
fortune, are assured.

With every good wish and much re-
spect, I am,

Cordially yours,
MICHAEL SCHENCK.

THINKS IT WORTH THE PRICE.

House of Representatives,
Washington, Dec. 24, 1913.
Editor Western Carolina Democrat,
Hendersonville, N. C.

My dear Sir:

Please find my check for \$1.00 pay-
ment of subscription to January 1st,
1914. The high tone, and extensive
news carried by your paper, justifies
the advanced subscription to \$1.50 per
year.

With good wishes and Christmas
greetings,

Your friend,
J. M. GUDGER, JR.

A WORD OF PRAISE.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 23, 1913.
Mutual Printing Company,
Hendersonville, N. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find my check for
(\$1.00) dollar to cover your bill for
one year's subscription to your paper
from January 1st, 1914 to January 1st,
1915. It is a pleasure always for me
to pay this money as I enjoy reading
your paper very much indeed, and we
both being property owners in Hen-
dersonville, it keeps us posted as to
all that is going on in Henderson
county, N. C. I love North Carolina,
I love every breeze that comes whis-
pering of her beauties. I love every
trait that enables her worthy young
men. I love every charm that glori-
fies her peerless women.

With best wishes for the future of
your town, etc. I am

Very respectfully,
L. GORDON HARVEY.

Monday 5th the Blue Ridge Cream-
ery will commence delivery of milk,
cream and butter to the doors of call-
ers. Phone 166 for any informa-
tion. Adv.

What an Advertiser has to say about The Democrat

Hendersonville, Dec. 29, 1913.

The Mutual Printing Co.

Gentlemen:—I want to congratulate you upon the excellent paper
you are getting out. It is a credit to you and to the city. It is
the only paper I have used in my advertising this fall and my busi-
ness has been almost double that of any similar period during the
7 years I have been in Hendersonville.

Your paper evidently reaches Henderson county people for I at-
tribute my increased business to my extensive advertising in The
Democrat, to the values I have given the people and to the people's
confidence in me and in your valuable paper.

Wishing you a prosperous New Year, I am

Yours truly,

H. PATTERSON.

FRESIDENT SWAMPED WITH LETTERS FROM MANY PEOPLE.

Will Only Give Attention to the Most
Important Before He Returns
to Washington.

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—Al-
though the solitude of the president is
courteously being observed by the res-
idents here, the people over the United
States are flooding him with mail
and as a result the president is devot-
ing more time than he expected to cor-
respondence. Dr. Cary Grayson the
president is slowly president's person-
al physician, yesterday said the presi-
dent is slowly improving, but needs
more rest. It is stated that hereafter
the president will refrain from attend-
ing to any, except the most important
communications. These hitherto have
been few here.

Many persons, desirous of reaching
president by letter have sent commu-
nications here, knowing there is no large
force of secretaries to handle the mail.
The process, however, is much like
that at Washington, and only urgent
letters are referred to the president.
The bulk of the correspondence, cov-
ering requests for engagements, en-
dorsement of candidates and similar
matters won't be given to the presi-
dent's personal attention until he re-
turns to Washington. Then they will
be systematically condensed for him in
customary manner. Among the thou-
sands of letters received here many
endorse various bankers or others for
membership on the new federal re-
serve currency board. These won't be
considered by the president until he is
back at the white house.

BONDS SOLD IN CHICAGO.

City Bonds Were Sold at Largest Pre-
mium in History.

Although instrumental in getting a
representative in this city the Peoples
National bank did not actually buy the
city bonds sold here last week as
was stated in the last issue of this
paper in the headlines of a story pri-
or.

The John Nuveen & Company, brok-
ers of Chicago had their representa-
tives in this city to bid on the bonds
through the efforts of the Peoples Na-
tional bank.

There were several other bids made
on the bonds. The next highest bid
was made through the First Bank &
Trust company of this city.

EXTENSION OF OLD RATE RE- NEWAL GIVEN SUBSCRIBERS WHOSE SUBSCRIPTIONS WILL EXPIRE THIS MONTH

This will POSITIVELY be the last op-
portunity given those subscribers
whose subscriptions run out during
the month of January or prior to re-
new at the old rate of \$1.00 per year.
We do not desire to work a hardship
upon any one of our many subscrib-
ers. We must adhere to strict busi-
ness methods and when we have al-
ready stated that the increased rate
would take effect January 1st 1914 we
meant it, every word.
There are a number of subscribers
whose subscriptions run out during
this month and we did not feel just
right in making them renew until the
exact day of their expiration had ar-
rived. It is to these subscribers that
we wish to emphasize that they must
renew on or before the date of the in-
crease shown on their paper, if they
wish to renew under the old rate.

ALDERMEN TO PROBE CHARGES AGAINST JUDGE ADAMS.

To be Completed This Week—Police
Judge is Seriously Charged.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 29.—Today will
witness the completion of the investi-
gation of charges preferred against
the beginning of the inquiry into the
official actions of Judge Junius G.
Adams, of the city police court, at
whose request the aldermen author-
ized the investigation. Both hearings
will be open to the public. The prob-
e of the police department will be con-
ducted by the members of the police
committee of the board of aldermen
while all the members of the board
will hear the evidence submitted in the
case of Judge Adams.

Fresh supply of seeds, mortgages
and other blanks at Democrat-Hustler
office.